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MAR 31 2005****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**In re application: **Becker et al.**Serial No.: **09/852,754**Filed: **May 10, 2001****For: Method and Apparatus for  
Building Commercial Distributed  
Computing Networks Via Computer  
Cost Subsidization**

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§ Group Art Unit: **3625**  
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§ Examiner: **Garg, Yogesh C.**  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Final Office Action dated January 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.